

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

Claim 6, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21 have been found to contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the considerable formal objections to the translated claims, they have been canceled and replaced by a wholly new set of claims that avoid the various formal problems and that comply with US claim practice.

New independent claim 23 corresponds roughly to allowable claim 6. Nothing in the cited art suggests a flashlight package holding wiring that includes a switch and that is automatically disconnected from the flashlight when it is taken out of the package. US 4,452,447 of Quackenbush has no such removable packaging, and the switch 22 cannot be separated from the flashlight. Similarly, US 5,927,846 of Sinclair has no separable switch at all.

New independent claim 32 corresponds roughly to allowable claim 10. Nothing in the art shows a spring ring captured in a package and allowing a packaged flashlight to be momentarily actuated.

New independent claim 26 corresponds roughly to allowable claims 15, 16, and 18. The art is silent about an element in a flashlight package that allows momentary actuation of the flashlight.

New independent claim 41 corresponds roughly to allowable claims 20 and 21. A flashlight package with a mirror, prism, or the like is apparently unknown.

Thus all of the claims in the case are allowable over the applied art. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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